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In re Application of

James C. Kennedy et al

Serial No.: 09/293,835 : PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Filed: April 19, 1999

Attorney Docket No.: 67286/204

This is in response to applicants' petition filed January 23, 2002, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(c), based on the age of the applicant.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, IV. Therefor the petition is **GRANTED**. The delay in responding to this petition is regretted.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact William R. Dixon, Jr. by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-3599.

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